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September 10th, 1917

Dr. Hollis Godfrey,

Drexel Institute,

Philadelphia.

My dear Godfrey:

On my return to my office I find a letter from President Finlay of the University of the State of New York asking me to address their Convocation on the 19th of October setting forth what the Universities and Colleges of Canada have been doing during the war. I should like very much to go if possible, and I am wondering whether it would be possible for you to have your meeting that I am to address on the 18th or the 20th, so that I might be able to take them both in. At such a time as this I think it is extremely important that we should fraternise as widely as possible and for me to speak in Albany may be as useful as it would certainly be enjoyable.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Godfrey, Hollis

Drexel Institute, Philadelphia

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DREXEL INSTITUTE

PHILADELPHIA

THE PRESIDENT

SEPTEMBER THE THIRTEENTH
1917

SIR ROBERT A. FALCONER
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
TORONTO, CANADA

DEAR FALCONER:

UNFORTUNATELY THE MEETING ON THE NINETEENTH IS THE GREAT TWENTY-FIFTH CONVOCATION MEETING FOR WHICH WE HAVE BEEN PLANNING FOR A YEAR. THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, HOLDING THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE, WAS ENGAGED LAST SPRING FOR THE EVENING OF THE NINETEENTH, THE ROOF GARDEN OF THE ART CLUB WAS ENGAGED LAST SPRING, THE SPECIAL TRAIN TO TAKE THE GUESTS TO CYNWYD WAS ENGAGED FOUR MONTHS AGO, AND RESERVATIONS OF ALL KINDS HAVE BEEN MADE. YOU SEE WE ARE TO HAVE OVER THREE THOUSAND GUESTS, SO I AM AFRAID WE SHALL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO REACH PHILADELPHIA, IF POSSIBLE, BY FIVE O'CLOCK ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE NINETEENTH. at the Academy meeting

FORTUNATELY I MET DR. DOWNING A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO, AND HE IS GOING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT YOUR SPEECH CAN COME ON THE EIGHTEENTH, THE FIRST DAY OF THEIR CONVOCATION. I QUITE AGREE AS REGARDS THE QUESTION OF YOUR SPEECH IN ALBANY. I AM DELIGHTED THAT THEY HAVE ASKED YOU, AND I WISH THAT WE COULD HAVE MADE A RE-ARRANGEMENT. OF COURSE, AS YOU SEE, THE WHOLE THING IS AT A POINT WHERE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE.

MRS. GODFREY AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD WITH VERY REAL ANTICIPATION TO HAVENG YOU AND MRS. FALCONER AS OUR HOUSE GUESTS OVER THE CELEBRATION. MRS. GODFREY IS GOING TO WRITE MRS. FALCONER VERY SHORTLY.

WITH BEST REGARDS, BELIEVE ME,

YOURS VERY SINCERELY,

Hollis Godfrey

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September 17th, 1917

President Hollis Godfrey,

Drexel Institute,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Godfrey:

I am glad that the arrangements have been made by President Finley to allow us to go both to Albany and to the Drexel Institute on the 19th. You may expect me there for the evening of the 18th.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

September 25th, 1917

President Hollis Godfrey,

Drexel Institute,

Philadelphia.

My dear Dr. Godfrey:

Do you happen to know a leading university or college in the United States which requires a good trained officer to give instruction ? You may remember that in July quite a number asked us to send them men. I have already supplied several since, but last week I had an application from a returned man who I think will fill the bill admirably if you know of any place to which he ought to go.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

September 26th, 1917

President Pollis Godfrey,

Drexel Institute,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Godfrey:

I am returning to you the outline of your address which you were good enough to send me. It seems to me to be very comprehensive. However, I shall not trespass upon your border at all.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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NEW YORK

Washington, D. C.

October 3rd, 1917.

Dr. Robt. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Doctor Falconer:-

Will you let me have definite word of approximately what salary would be right for the officer you mention and a slight statement of his experience, etc.? I have little doubts that we can place him.

Your very sincerely,

Hollis Godfrey

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October 5th, 1917

Dr. Hollis Godfrey,

Advisory Commission of the Council of National Defense,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Godfrey:

The name of the returned officer is Lieutenant F. C. Hamilton of the Canadian Field Artillery. He had a Commission in the British Horse Artillery, trained with the Imperial Grenadier Guards, was with the Imperial Field Artillery in France, has been overseas for two years, had eighteen months of active service on the front line, and specialised in map reading and map building. Before going over he was a student in Agriculture at the Ontario Agricultural College, which is affiliated with our University. He is a man of very fine appearance, and comes of good family.

Mr. Hamilton is expecting a promotion to the rank of Captain which would mean $150 a month and a certain amount for maintenance.

Yesterday I sent on his name to the University of Washington at Seattle as they wrote us regarding a returned officer to give instruction in military training to their students.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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DREXEL INSTITUTE

PHILADELPHIA

THE PRESIDENT

OCTOBER THE FIFTEENTH
1917

SIR ROBERT A. FALCONER
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
TORONTO, CANADA

DEAR FALCONER:

I AM VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN YOUR STATEMENT ABOUT LIEUTENANT HAMILTON. WILL YOU LET ME KNOW IF WHAT YOU SAY CONCERNING HIS PAY WOULD MEAN THAT IT WOULD COST A COLLEGE HERE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS A MONTH TO HAVE HIM, OR WHAT WOULD BE RIGHT AS REGARDS PAY?

YOURS VERY SINCERELY,

Hollis Godfrey

March 19th, 1918

Dr. Hollis Godfrey,

Council of National Defense,

Committee on Engineering and Education,

Munsey Building, Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Godfrey:

We are making arrangements for an Appointments Bureau in the University to cover all kinds of appointments. Probably you can give us a good deal of help. Would you be kind enough to let me know what means you have of getting into touch with leading business institutions when you wish to get appointments for those who graduate from your secretarial department ? Any information that you can let us have will be greatly appreciated.

I hope that your cold is worn off and that Mrs. Godfrey is well. We have just come through a very serious time with our little boy. He had a double mastoid operation, but is now I am glad to say doing finely.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 11th, 1918

Dr. Hollis Godfrey,

827 Munsey Building,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Godfrey:

It was very kind of you to think of having my name suggested at the University Club in Washington and I have much pleasure in accepting your kind offer.

I hope that you are getting on well with your aviobuilding work, also that Mrs. Godfrey is keeping better.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.